

The Church of God Evangel

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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THERE IS STRENGTH FOR ALL

Consecration And Obedience Will go a Long Way up The Hill.

GOING INTO DEEPER DEPTHS.

It is both the privilege and duty of all Christians to be strong in the Lord, and surely no one has a right to be spiritually feeble. Yet many Christians seem to think that they are irreversibly doomed, while here in this world, to spiritual weakness. But provision has been made that all may be strong, and, of course, all are placed under corresponding obligation to accept and seek the possession of the proffered grace. Hence the apostles positively orders the churches to "be perfect," "be strong," "quit you like men," and, "be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might."

In the analysis of this subject please note that all may be strong. The whole Church is addressed in the text, and this implies that the whole Church may be strong. All may not have much money, or great learning, or high social position, or any of the natural means of exerting an influence, yet all may have purity and be endowed with power from on high. Many of the most efficient laborers of every age have been the most destitute of the natural resources of power. Their great might has been the indwelling spirit of power and of love and of a sound mind. This cannot be found where many seek it, in scientific study, or foreign travel, or any of the helps of mere intellectual culture, but may be found in union with Christ, which all, even the most lowly, may enjoy.

Some one has said that all must be strong or criminal. The text and its parallels are mandatory, and no one can be inattentive to commands and be innocent. To seek the Spirit in such a limited measure as leaves us feeble is evident disobedience to the command to seek Him in such a measure as will make us strong in the Lord. While, therefore, a weak faith, and consequent defective graces, are as far as they go, pure and good, nevertheless, to continue or remain weak in faith and defective in the graces is very sinful, because God has provided better things, and, pressing them up on us, orders us to accept them. There is, then, no more apology for spiritual weakness than there is for lying, swearing, or any other form of disobedience to God's orders. Yet many point, it would seem, with a kind of spiritual pride to their weak faith and great unbelief as evidence that they are not over-righteous, or that they are not contracted in their views and feelings, or that they do not belong to the "holier-than-thou" class of Christians. How often we hear the expressions, complacently uttered, "O, my faith is so weak!" or "O, I am such an unbeliever!" Now, no one has a right to utter such sentiments, for no one has a right to be in such a state. It is just as honorable, really, and quite as consistent with true Christian character, to cherish and point to great wickedness, or great sensuality and lust, or great wickedness of any other form, for unbelief, which is always associated with spiritual feebleness, and measured by it, is the prolific parent of all vices. To declare our sympathy, therefore, with unbelief is to declare our acceptance of its fruitage, or sympathy with vice.

To govern himself, to overcome the world and to accomplish the work here assigned him, the Christian must "be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might;" and this is with in his reach, and a failure to grasp it is highly censurable, for there is strength for all, and consecration and obedience will go a long way up the hill.

Please bear in mind that this strength is in the Lord. It is divine power put in motion by the creature's faith. "God is our refuge and strength." "The Lord Jehovah is my strength and song." When the Christian is filled with the Spirit there is a complete crucifixion of self, and he feels that his own strength is gone, and in the distinct consciousness of his own weakness his faith moves the Mighty Arm. It is at this point of experience that he can appropriate the apostle's language: "Therefore I glory in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake; for when I am weak then I am strong." Many, at times, and with feeble purpose, seek this power under mistaken notion that its possession will cause them to feel like spiritual giants, and make their work appear to others like the work of masters, or will enable them to do something that will excite the wonder of their fellows. But the very opposite of this is more nearly correct.

In the possession of this power the Christian is not only conscious of very great personal weakness, but so complete is the death of nature that he is willing—and delays not—to do any work for the Master, big or little, great or small, popular or unpopular. And most persons need this power, not so much to qualify them for great work as to humble them down where they will be willing to do the little work best suited to their capacities, and which, after all, makes up the great work of every one's life. Possessed of the abiding Comforter, and baptized with His mighty power, the humble believer finds happiness more in doing the will of God, whatever that will may be, than seeing results, however extensive and sublime.

This strength we are talking about is reached by faith. No amount of study, or travel, or labor of any kind that does not imply the requisite faith, will avail. Like pardon, regeneration, or any other degree of saving grace, it is attainable by faith alone, and is found only in connection with complete, unreserved consecration to God. Any defection in the consecration enfeebles the faith, and consequently the spiritual power which is always equal with it. Jesus has said, "How can ye believe which receive honor one of another, and seek not the honor which cometh from God only?" Consequently, if this power be sought to enhance or advance our own reputation, or if the honor that cometh from others be consulted, or if the purity of our motives in any other way be vitiated, our faith will be too much enfeebled to grasp the prize. "The honor which cometh from God only" must be sought.

But whoever surrenders himself fully to God, and in all earnestness and sincerity asks the gift of power to glorify Him alone, has a right to believe, irrespective of frames and feelings, that it is communicated to him; or rather it is his duty to believe it given to him, and has no right to doubt it, but should proceed to his work assured that, in proper time and in a proper manner, it will be manifested, or his belief, in some way highly satisfactory to himself, will be changed into knowledge.

This power may not always manifest to the human gaze. Not every one endowed with this power, and conscious of its possession, is permitted to see its manifestations like D. L. Moody, Charles G. Finny and others. There are many obscure and silent workers, the manifestation of whose power will not appear till the light of eternity breaks upon them. The poor widow whose endowment of power enabled her to give all her living, though it was but two mites, did not do much in the sight of men, nor is it likely she did much in her own sight, nevertheless Jesus decided that she did more than all those rich Jews who came up from the great marts of the world's trade and, on that memorable day of gifts, cast in their abundance. That little act, of such magnitude in the Divine estimation as to give it an imperishable record in the Sacred Oracles, has been comforting the poor saints and enriching the church for nearly nineteen centuries, and will continue to do so while time endures. No doubt the widow felt blessed in the deed, and was conscious of a power to cast herself and her living at the Redeemer's feet, but had no idea of the widespread issues and extensive bearings of the act until she was carried by angels into Abraham's bosom.

Jesus says, "He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit." He does not say the moneyed man, the educated person, the person of great natural endowments "that abideth in me," but "he that abideth in me," whether rich or poor, whether lettered or unlettered, whoever he may be and whatever may be his surroundings or opportunities, "the same bringeth forth much fruit." The great amount of fruit may not appear to men, but He who said, "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation," discerns it in the humble fidelities of the lowly, as well as in the widespread influence of the more conspicuous of the saints. Instead, therefore, of pining away under regrets that we have not been more richly endowed, or furnished with better opportunities, let us seek power to be "faithful over a few things," and this will secure to us the "rule over many things;" all that will be conferred upon the more

gifted. Glory be to God! Though we may not do the great work of a Spurgeon, or a Talmage, or a Fox, or a Wesley, we may be endowed with power from on high, and by humble fidelity to that trust reposed in us may rise to the same sublime heights in the Eternal Land.

Oh, I tell you, there is strength for all and it is time for us to get all that is coming to us. These are days for work and it will take men and women of strength to do the work that must be done. Doubtless you have done work that seemed more than you could do before you commenced it, but by faithfully performing your duty and working faithfully on it was soon accomplished.

The little boy that carried a little lunch of loaves and fishes the day he followed the crowd around the upper end of the Sea of Galilee was made famous and his little simple act is still being told around the world. He was strong enough for that, and coming in touch with Him that wore the seamless coat made him equal to the emergency, and he, with the blessing of Jesus, fed a multitude of people. It was not much he did, but by using what strength he had the five thousand hungry mouths were filled and satisfied.

The prophet Joel became so enthused with the subject of strength that he finally cried out to all, I suppose, and said, "Let the weak say I am strong." He did not want a single weak person in all of the armies that are to fight against the wrong. He must have men of strength. Gideon cried out to his thirty-two thousand, "Whosoever is fearful and afraid let him return." Fear makes one weak. Boldness gives strength. Isaiah sang, "Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees, say to them that are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, fear not.' Truly consecration and obedience will go a long way up the hill of strength and power."

Many times a good word of encouragement will add strength to our fellows when on the other hand the least word of criticism would cause him to faint and give up. We never know just how heavy the loads are that our friends are carrying. Another pound added might cause them to give up the struggle and go down. And this pound might be a word spoken unthoughtfully. A man's team was pulling a heavy load. It was all they could do to move forward at all. The owner concluded he would see if they could pull another pound or more and suddenly threw a rail in front of the wheels of the wagon. The result was that the horses stopped. They could not pull the heavy load over the rail. Then the driver began to whip and slash and yet with all his efforts they failed, and his faithful team had to take all that abuse because the man threw the rail across the track. This was useless—unnecessary. God forbid that we throw obstacles across the path of others when they may be pulling every pound they can under some dreadful temptation and saying nothing about it.

I wish I could say something here to help. I want people to be strong, but I do not want to throw something in their way unnecessarily to test their strength. I once observed the maneuvers of a business man. He did not know I was watching. He was never known I understood. He was almost compelled to get a certain piece of work off by a certain time. His men were about to fail and he hitched in to help them. There was a dissatisfaction arose, a blunder was made by one of the men which caused still further delay. I saw the proprietor was bearing about all he could. He said nothing, but quietly picked up his hat and left the house as if he had suddenly remembered an appointment. I was not there when he returned, and I never asked him how much his loss was that day, but I have always honored him for his actions in that time of severe trial. Rather than to abuse his men, and firing the man that had made the blunder that caused the loss, he went away and waited till his nerves quieted down before he returned. Probably not many men would have acted so wisely.

I have in mind now a brother that I have reason to believe is carrying about all he can. I would not add a feather's weight to his load on purpose. Yea, I would rather lighten it if I can. I have made some efforts, but I am unable to tell yet just how much I have helped him. Probably I have done him no good. But I have made an effort to encourage him without letting him know that I know he is going through the struggle. He does not complain. He says but little, but I know he needs help instead of the slightest mistreatment or coldness.

Surely this is a time for going into deeper depths to obtain greater strength. The terrible pressure that is now upon the saints is severe, but it will increase as the years go by. We should make every preparation possible to meet it when it comes. And while there is strength for all I want to encourage all to obtain his strength and really be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

God is faithful, God is willing. "The Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary. There is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength." (Isa. 40:28,29) Wonderful promises! Who needs to be weak when God is willing to increase strength? "They that wait upon the Lord (do service for Him) shall renew their strength."

This is a time for an extra amount of service. It will take an extra amount of strength. We must be spiritual giants in these days. In looking down to the last days by the spirit of prophecy Daniel saw the distress that was to come upon the world, and yet right in the midst of this trouble he saw the saints of God strong and doing exploits. (Daniel 11:32)

Come, beloved, let us draw a little closer to God and one another and become exceedingly strong for the last days battle. "In unity there is strength." Praise the Lord.

Delivered From Spiritualism And Healed

Mrs. A. J. Seccombe

(Continued from last week)

It was Easter Sunday night, 1914, toward morning, that this evil one awakened me as usual to talk with me. His voice here-to-fore so sweet and soothing, suddenly became changed. Oh! Beloved! called of God, filled and baptized with the Holy Ghost, pray and pity all people who have been so vilely deceived by those wicked workers of iniquity of Spiritualism who have fastened their clutches about them. They are Satan's evil spirits, which he sends out all over the world, to deceive even God's very elect, if possible. Oh, I praise you, Jesus. Words can never express my gratefulness to you for what you have done for me. Hallelujah! Glory to Jesus forevermore! This voice began very slowly and emphatically in a deep, coarse voice, "I AM NOT GOD." I said boldly to him, "YOU ARE NOT GOD as you led me to believe you were?" NO! I AM NOT GOD. I AM AN EVIL SPIRIT. I AM FORCED TO TELL YOU." I said with great emphasis, "GO! and never come to me again. I'll have nothing to do with you or any other spirit." "YES, I will go for I AM COMPELLED TO LEAVE YOU. I AM FORCED TO TELL YOU THAT I AM AN EVIL SPIRIT." Then with such sarcasm, almost gnashing of the teeth, he replied with rising inflection, "Yes, you will!" So as he lingered, he said before leaving, "When you come into your heavenly home, remember me." "Remember you?" I said. "Go to God yourself and ask forgiveness and acknowledge your sin." "NEVER!" will I acknowledge that GOD IS GOD or that Jesus Christ is His son." I said, "God alone have mercy on your soul. Go! Leave Me!"

Realizing that it was Jesus who had set me free and that the bands were loosed, my heart and soul were lifted up to God, pleading mercy and forgiveness in dear Jesus' name, thanking Him for deliverance from that evil, wicked, vile, deceitful one. (I was made to understand that) the devil—Satan even was SUBJECT UNTO GOD and had to OBEY HIM. Not only had to obey by coming out of me, but compelled to confess it to me.

Oh! Praise God! Praise our blessed Redeemer, for what has been done for me. My life, my all I give to Him to be used of Him for His glory. Blessed be His name. Hallelujah. "Before they call I will answer, and while they are yet speaking I will hear." Beloved, as the demons in the maniac had to come out of him and left him sitting clothed and in his right mind, I, too, have been delivered from the same and am clothed and in my right mind. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Oh! such a loving Saviour. I cannot help but praise Him for He's done so much for me. O, beloved, pray God that you may be yielded to the blessed influence of the Holy Spirit.

It was after this miraculous deliverance from this demon or Satan himself (I know not) God knows, while about my duties as teacher in an Indian Boarding School, Cherokee, N. C., Feb. 26, 1918, the dear Lord permitted an affliction to be laid upon me, of complete paralysis of the right side of my face. My nose and mouth were all drawn way over to the left side of the face, the right eye standing right open. I could not close it only with my fingers and then kept it bandaged to protect it; even then it would open under the bandage. I was compelled to give up teaching for a season.

Not knowing what this was, for I had a severe cold at the time, I thought I would be alright in the morning. Such was not the case. our blessed Saviour to save the soul,

I called in our physician to see me and he at once said, "Mrs. Seccombe, you have an attack of facial paralysis." I said, "No, Doctor, it cannot be." He verified his diagnosis of the case and I was convinced. I at once desired to know the pro and con of the case and what hope of recovery he could give me. Friends came in and after talking it over I thought best to go at once to a specialist, which I did. After treatment with him I was no better and was led to consult another physician. He advised my going home and resting for five or six days longer, then take certain treatment. No hope of encouragement was offered save by the power of the GREAT PHYSICIAN. We could do everything possible, but no earthly physician could guarantee a complete cure.

I obeyed, took his advice, but, praise God, a friend had given me one of dear Sister Woodworth-Etter's books, "Signs and Wonders." Beloved, you can guess the rest as I began to read it in earnest, with a prayer in my heart to God, to lead, guide and direct me just what to do. As I read my faith was strengthened. I committed it ALL unto God and asked what I should do. There came the answer, "Go to Sister Etter, Go to Sister Etter, Go to Sister Etter." I realize now as I didn't at the time, that this was similar to the message the Lord gave to Saul, "Arise, and go into the city and it will be told thee what thou shalt do." I was to go to Sister Etter and there I would be told what I was to do. Praise the blessed Lord! I said, "Lord, I will go." I left the next day for Indianapolis, Ind.

O, beloved, it wasn't dear Sister Etter's power that healed me, but it was answer to her prayer of perfect faith in the Lord Jesus to heal and obedience on my part to His command. Yes, faith, too, and a conviction that Jesus would heal me now. "He is the same yesterday, today and forevermore."

Beloved, the dear Lord was with me encouraging and strengthening me. It was a singular coincidence. The verse on my Scriptural calendar for the day the affliction was laid upon me was this—2 Cor. 4:17. "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." The verse for the day following when I knew what this affliction was, was Deut. 33:27. "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them." So with the trial and the affliction came the blessed promise of God, and it has been fulfilled. Praise God! Praise my blessed Jesus! Hallelujah!

I cannot begin to tell all that I passed through, but I deserved all and more. Glory to Jesus. He is my comfort and strength. Beloved, it was not God's will that I should be healed by this specialist or any other. He wanted me to come to the GREAT PHYSICIAN for my healing. Praise His holy name. Glory! Oh! Glory to Jesus! I am so happy! So thankful, yes, I can say from the depths of my heart, "I am thankful for this light affliction." For it has indeed opened up to me the precious privileges which God has for those who trust and desire above everything in this world to serve Him. Oh! dear saints of God, let God have His own perfect way with you always.

O, I thank God that He ever led me to Indianapolis, to come in touch with God's people who have hearkened unto His voice and decided to obey His commands. 2 Cor. 6:17,18. Beloved, I not only received my hearing (which came gradually for the strengthening of faith) but the dear Lord baptized me with the Holy Ghost and I came through speaking in other tongues as in Acts 2:4. Blessed be His holy name! Not only the unknown tongue, but the interpretation of the same in English. Glory! Oh! Glory to God.

For nearly two hours the blessed Holy Spirit had His way with me in using my tongue and vocal powers just as He desired. I shall never forget the experience, nor doubt for a moment but it is the name the disciples had at Pentecost. Since then the dear Lord has been pleased to use me as an instrument through whom messages have been given of warning, pleading with sinners to repent, to get ready for the soon coming of Jesus ere it be too late. Messages of prophecy and praises to His blessed name.

It was little over a year from that time I was permitted to attend the Pentecostal revival campaign held in Indianapolis, Ind. held from June to August, 1919. Oh, brothers, sisters in Christ Jesus, such a revival. I have been privileged to attend and assist in many revivals in my life time, but none of them could be compared with this one in spiritual-ity. Oh! the presence and power of morning. Such was not the case. our blessed Saviour to save the soul,

to heal the afflicted body, and to baptize with the Holy Ghost.

Then the manifestation of the supernatural power of the Almighty God was present in every meeting. Many were struck down and lay for hours under this mighty power of God. Some were anointed and set apart as missionaries to carry the blessed gospel to both home and foreign lands. Many were prayed for and anointed by the laying on of hands for one or more of the special gifts as spoken of in 1 Cor. 12. Scores were prayed for, for healing of various diseases daily, both afternoon and evening. I myself was prayed for and healed. Praise the Lord! Glory! Glory!

I had such a longing desire and was prayed for and anointed with laying on of hands for the gift of wisdom in God's Word, that I might lead souls to Christ. Also for the gift of laying on of hands in the name of Jesus for the healing of diseases. Hallelujah to Jesus! Glory to God for victory over all of these according to the grace of God through Christ Jesus. Hallelujah! I praise our blessed Saviour for redeeming my soul from sin, baptizing me with the Holy Ghost and healing my body of so many diseases and afflictions. I praise God for opening my blind eyes to what is the blessed privilege of every believer in Jesus Christ. Beloved, please pray for me earnestly that God will open up to me the way where I can devote my whole time to the precious work of my blessed Saviour. To be just where God would have me to be and do what He would have me do. All that I have and am, I have consecrated to God to be used for His glory, the glory of my blessed Saviour! Praise His matchless name.

Pass this article on to others who may be deceived into Spiritualism and led from Jesus that "They may be snatched as a brand from the burning," ere it be too late. I pray God to deliver them.

Accepted the Truth When He Heard it

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Name: Last fall Brother Taylor came to our town, Grangerstown, Ky., and I was a wicked sinner. I went to Sunday school on Sunday and during the week I served the devil, he didn't care how much I went to church as long as I would serve him during the week but I praise God, when I heard the real Bible truth I accepted. I found out that I could not live for the devil during the week and for God on Sunday and get to heaven so I confessed my sins and He saved, sanctified and filled me with the blessed Holy Ghost. My wife and I are still in the faith. Now I have been appointed Sunday school superintendent here and we have a good attendance every Sunday. We also have prayer meetings here on Sunday evenings, Tuesday and Friday nights. Pray for us here that we will work more for Him than ever before.

Your servant for Jesus,
G. C. Snell.
Sturgis, Ky.

Work For Jesus

Mrs. Mary Howell

Jesus ordained twelve (Luke 9:1) to preach the gospel and to heal the sick. Later as he saw the demand was so great he sent seventy. Luke 10:1. He saw the harvest was truly ripe and the laborers few so He said to pray for more laborers.

I see the harvest is white and the laborers are few now. People all around us are starving for the very thing we enjoy so much. So many say they want to do something for Jesus. Sometimes I think they say that because some one else did for all can do something. Try this plan:

I get up early, take a roll of Evangelists and tracts. You can take your Bible and song book and go out to the neighbors' homes and sing, read and pray. Do not stay long but go on over to another house. Visit rich and poor alike. Do the same thing every day that you can get out. Some won't let you in their homes but you must make an effort. Don't get discouraged when you have the door shut in your face, but go right on over to the next house. Talk salvation, tell what you have burning in your soul. If you haven't any fire stay on your knees till you get it. Matt. 10:16. Encourage people to come to church, yes, insist on it. Tell them what a good Sunday school you have. You must be interested, then you can interest others. Some who have seemed very indifferent are getting interested. Be happy and shout the victory over the devil. Hallelujah! I had a good season of prayer at the very next house I went to after being turned away at one house. I visit thirty-five or forty homes a day and pray fifteen or twenty times a day. Some are glad to see me and cry and ask for prayer. Some get saved. I feel like this is a great work.

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The end of the present term of the
Bible Training school is at hand. We
extend an invitation to all who can
to come for the closing exercises the
night of the first of April. You will
see and hear something fine if you
come.

The Palm Sunday celebrations were
fine. Jesus was certainly honored by
the solemn and joyous ceremonies. We
wonder what Easter will bring—noth-
ing inferior I am sure. The resur-
rection is the hope of the Christian
and the remembrance of His resur-
rection brings great joy and blessings.

The reports of great meetings still
roll in. The district conventions, the
revivals, the Sunday-school enthu-
siasm, all tell of the great refreshing
that is coming from the presence of
the Lord. I have never known of
such a "push" in Christian work as
is now on among the Churches of
God. This is indeed wonderful.

There is no way to express in its
fulness the success of the Palm Sun-
day celebration at the Auditorium. Nine
classes out of eighteen were the actors
in this celebration. The songs, the
marches, the palm branches, the
shouts of hosanna, the recitation of
Scripture verses and whole chapters,
all told of the triumphal entry of Je-
sus into Jerusalem. During the cere-
monies many in the congregation wept
for joy, some shouted because their
souls were full of the love and pow-
er of God, and some danced and talk-
ed in tongues. O, it was great, and
so full of the Spirit of Jesus all the
way through. A number from Chat-
tanooqua were present to enjoy the
feast with us.

The new Sunday-school quarter
commences with the first Sunday of
April. What will this quarter bring?
If the Sunday-school tide continues to
rise like it has during the last quar-
ter, where will we be in three months?
And there is every indication of a
steady increase of attendance, number
of schools, and real up to date enthu-
siasm. Our people are getting full of
work, work, work, any kind of work
to push the work of the
Lord along. I believe the Lord
is pleased to have it. I am not
the only one that is so full I can hard-
ly hold myself. Multitudes are full of
the heavenly zeal and Pentecostal fire
and glory.

Many of our friends will be inter-
ested to know of the departure of our
beloved mother who entertained the
first Assembly. She slipped away to
heaven about six o'clock on the morn-
ing of the 16, inst. Her obituary will
appear in another column. This dear
mother has been in our home so
much during her widowhood and at
other times as well for the last twenty
years that she seemed like a dear
mother to us all. We all loved her
dearly. We had the honor of con-
ducting the funeral services with the
assistance of W. F. Bryant who knew
her for forty years, and following her
to the Fort Hill cemetery of this city
where she was laid away to rest un-
til the resurrection morning. Our
friends are going over!

Well, we are still in the drives, or
the drives are still on. A few fine
reports of the last Sunday-school cen-
sus drive have been received, but not as
many as we hoped. We were anxious

to get all in by the twenty-fifth of
March and not later than the first of
April, but there will have to be some
stirring around in some places if they
succeed in this. I am well pleased
with the arrangement and complete-
ness of these reports thus far. I just
hope they will keep coming till they
all get in so we can publish abroad
the results and prepare for a drive
to get all nonattendants into Sunday-
school.

We want more help to extend the
circulation of the Evangel. Many
are working faithfully, and send-
ing in good lists of subscrip-
tions, but we want to increase
our force of workers. We are in-
creasing our force here in the office
and we want to increase it on the
field. Who will go that has not been
going? Write for a bundle of papers
and take your paper and pencil and
start down the street and stop at ev-
ery house and talk with them about
Sunday-school work, religion, and in-
troduce the Evangel and tell them
what a blessing it has been to you.
Tell them it is not like any other
paper they ever read and that it is a
"Last Days" paper and that they can-
not afford to be without it. Get their
subscription if possible before you
leave. Try it for a year, if that
finally fails try it for six months,
if that finally fails try it for three
months. Surely most every one who
subscribes for some time when the
terms are so liberal. If you finally
cannot succeed in getting their sub-
scription get their name and address
and leave them a paper saying you
will try and call again. And call a-
gain. And call again later. You keep
the name and also send us every name
you get. And be sure and get the
name and address of every one you
canvass. You can help much by get-
ting the names and sending us if
nothing more. We want tens of
thousands of names as rapidly as you
can roll them in. But please do your
best to get them to subscribe for the
Evangel.

Our hearts are breaking because we
are compelled to say we can't take
any more precious little orphans into
the home until we can enlarge our
borders. A darling little girl was
shipped all the way from Texas this
week alone. She has no father, no
mother, but now we are giving her a
home. Many other applicants for ad-
mission. What can we do? It will
take barrels of money to build as fast
as we need to to supply the demand.
It seems to me that somebody that
has plenty of money ought to come
over with six or eight thousand dol-
lars all in a bulk and enable us to put
this thing through so not one tender
little homeless darling would have to
be turned away. This is not call-
ing for a drive, but it is a
strong appeal to men and women
of wealth who have the money laid
away in the banks to draw it out and
invest it in something that will bring
them dividends over in the other
world. Who will do it?

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God Answered With Words That He Spoke to Paul

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and
the Dear Saints Scattered
Abroad:

I want to testify through the
dear Evangel as it is such a
blessing to me. I always love to
read it, and hear how the good
work is prospering.

I praise God for His dear
church.

I have been saved, sanctified
and baptized with the precious
Holy Ghost and fire for over
four years. But when I first
heard about the Church of God,
I thought it was very foolish to
preach that God had a real
church on earth. And said hard
things about the ones who
preached these things. I felt my-
self losing victory and not gain-
ing any good by it, so I began
to call on God, for I wanted to
do His will. He spoke the same
words to me that He did to Paul
in Acts 9:5, "And he said, Who
art thou, Lord? And the Lord
said, I am Jesus whom thou per-
secutest: it is hard for thee to
kick against the pricks." He also
showed me in a dream. I saw a
bright angel shining in white,
and I went to it. It was stand-
ing by a door with three words
painted in white. I knew what
the words were at the time, but
when I awoke I couldn't remem-
ber them, until I heard of the
Church of God. The three
words were "Church of God." And
I praise God that I am in it
and expect to stay, and live true
to the holy government and
those who have rule over me.

I want all who read this to
pray that I may stay true and
keep humble to God. Pray for
my unsaved husband and chil-
dren.

Your sister in Christ,
Mae Akers.

Longing to See His Savior
Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All
the Saints—Greetings in Je-
sus' Dear Name:
I am praising God for victory
and for the dear old church of
God which will stand till Jesus
comes, for she is founded upon
the rock. Glory. I thank God for
government.

I praise Him for saving, sancti-
fying and filling me with the Ho-
ly Ghost and fire. It has been one
year since Jesus gave me this
wonderful blessing. I thank Him
for the determination in my
heart to go all the way with Je-
sus. Praise His name. I mean to
be a true soldier for Jesus and
I want to lift Him up to this lost
dying world, for some of these
days He is coming to take us
home and I want to be one of
them that will go with Him.
Glory to His precious name. Oh,
won't it be glorious to have the
Saviour's name written upon our
foreheads and sealed with the
Holy Ghost in a robe of right-
eousness? I am longing to see my
Savior face to face, and tell the
story saved by grace. "Enter ye
in at the strait gate, for broad
is the way that leadeth to de-
struction, and many there be
which go in thereat: because
strait is the gate, and narrow is
the way, which leadeth into life,
and few there be that find it."
Matt. 7:13, 14. "So let your light
so shine before men, that they
may see your good works and
glorify your Father which is in
heaven." Matt. 5:16. Beloved, let
us not let our good be evil
spoken of because ye are the
light of the world, even as Christ
is the light of the world. Christ
said also for us to be wise as ser-
pents and harmless as doves.
Matt. 10:16.

I am praising God for His
great love that keeps me through
many trials which I experience.
"Wherefore take unto you the
whole armour of God, that ye
may be able to withstand in the
evil day, and having done all, to
stand." Eph. 6:1. How can we
battle against the world, when
it has our armour holding it
before us and telling us they
have our garment, which, of
course is a part of our glory?
"Arise and shine, for the light
is come and the glory of the Lord
is risen upon thee." Isa. 60:1.

Dear brother and sister, the
time has come for us to shine,
the world is in darkness. We find
where James said: "Pure reli-
gion and undefiled before God
the Father, is this: To visit the
fatherless and widows in their
affliction, and keep himself
unspotted from the world." James
1:27. The Lord wants us
to live pure, free from sin. Some
people don't believe that we can
do it. I want all the saints to
pray for me to stay in the center
of the Lord's will. I am glad I
can trust Him for both soul and
body. Praise the Lord forever.
Your brother under the blood,
Elyett Wedgeworth,
Box 95. Red Bay, Ala.

On Fire For God

Dear Evangel Readers:
I am praising God for what
He has been to me and is now.
Praise God.

A little over five years ago the
Lord saved me, and during that
time I grew cold and careless
but about a year ago I got on
fire for God. Glory to God on
high. I feel like traveling on in
spite of all the devil can do and
I intend, by God's help, to make
it through to the city.

I praise the Lord because He
saved, sanctified and filled me
with the Holy Ghost, and added
me to the Church of God.

I am praising God for sending
Brother and Sister Cobb and
Brother W. H. Cross to Colum-
bia. They preached the Church
of God to us. The Lord has
wonderfully blessed our home.
My mother, father and two
sisters were saved.

I was selected to raise funds
for our building here in Colum-
bia. The first day I went out, I
collected two dollars and twenty
five cents and became discour-
aged but the Lord put it in my
heart to try again. This time the
Lord wonderfully blessed me. He
put it upon the people's hearts
to give and I raised forty two
dollars. I feel like trying again.

I have one brother and my
heart goes out for him. I want
every one who reads this to
please take him on your heart
and carry him to God in prayer.
Also pray that I may do more
for God in this year than the
past. Pray for our little Sun-

day school that the Lord might
continue blessing it.

Your sister looking for Jesus,
Nellie Horne.

Only Bible Name for Church

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the
Saints Scattered Abroad—Greetings
in the Precious Name of Jesus:

I am praising God today for the
many wonderful blessings He has
given me. I am so glad to know I am
a child of God. Praise His dear name.

I feel the least of all and desire the
prayers of God's children that I may
draw closer to God. We have a Church
of God at Beaufort, N. C. of which I
am a member, I thank God that I am
a member of the Church of God. It is
the only name for a Church that I
have found in the Bible. And I am
not ashamed to bear the great name
of my Lord who has done so much for
me.

Your unworthy sister,
Mrs. J. A. Conway,
R. 1, Beaufort, N. C.

Without Holiness No Man Shall See the Lord

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and
All the Saints—Greetings in
Jesus' Dear Name:

I am praising God for what
He is to me this morning. To be
His child surely means some-
thing. I thank and praise Him
for the many blessings He has
given me and for His mighty
healing power, bless His dear
name.

I was saved, sanctified and
baptized with the Holy Ghost
about a year ago and added to
the dear Church of God, which
Christ said He would build up-
on the rock and the gates of
hell should not prevail against
it. I am not tired of the way
yet, oh, praise God for ever. The
way grows sweeter and brighter
day by day. And I want to press
on, bless His dear name. And oh!
beloved saints, don't ever let the
devil creep in, and tell you it is
not right to pay tithes. For if we
follow Christ we must do what
the Bible says do. We find in
Malachi 3:10, "Bring ye all the
tithes into the storehouse, that
there may be meat in mine
house, and prove me now here-
with, saith the Lord of hosts,
if I will not open you the win-
dows of heaven, and pour you
out a blessing, that there shall
not be room enough to receive it."
Malachi 3:10. Praise God!
In the past I did not believe in
tithing my income, I thought I
ought not have to give what I
had worked so hard for. But,
one day my Savior spoke to me
like this—"You know you have
salvation?" I said, "Yes, Lord."
"And you know you are glad of
it?" I said, "Yes, Lord." Then He
said, "Well, if nobody had ever
paid tithes (to help the preacher
go about and preach) how
would you have ever received
salvation?" Now, beloved, if you
don't pay tithes, how is any body
else going to get salvation? If
every body keeps their money
in their pocket books, and don't
pay tithes, how will this great
gospel spread all over the world?
You know Christ said, "Go ye in-
to all the world and preach the
gospel to every creature. He that
believeth and is baptized shall
be saved, but he that believeth
not shall be damned. And these
signs shall follow them that
believe; In my name shall they
cast out devils; they shall speak
with new tongues; they shall
take up serpents; and if they
drink any deadly thing, it shall
not hurt them, They shall lay
hands on the sick, and they shall
recover." Mark 16:15-19.

Now, beloved, if we don't pay
tithes, how are our ministers to
be cared for? The Bible says he
that preaches the gospel shall
live of the gospel. I thank Him
for speaking to my soul and to-
day finds some paying tithes
willingly that Christ's work
may prosper and grow. Others
are not but claim to have
salvation just the same and
robbing God of what belongs to
Him. Come on, beloved, and
let us not rob God of what
belongs to Him, but let us
give Him what belongs to
Him and live a clean life, holy
and acceptable in His sight,
and do all we can for our bless-
ed Savior who has done so
much for us.

Dear souls, who do not know
Jesus, we can't tell you of all
the joy and happiness we are
enjoying by serving God in the
true holy way. It is joy unspeak-
able and full of glory. You will
have to get it your self to know
how sweet it is. Praise the Lamb
of God for ever more, Hallelu-
jah! "Without holiness no man
shall see the Lord." Heb. 12:14.

Praise the Lord, for I have it
and want to see Him.

I want all the saints to pray a
special prayer for the healing of
my eye, which I am trusting God
to heal.

Your humble sister under the
blood,
Bertie Long,
Williston, Fla.

We Ought to do Our Best

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising the Lord for
victory over sin and the devil,
through another day. Glory to
God. I am praising Him for
His healing power. I am saved,
sanctified, and filled with the
Holy Ghost and mean to go on
till Jesus comes or calls for me.
Praise God.

We ought to do our best for
the Lord for He is coming soon.
We must do our best for lost
souls for there are thousands
and thousands of them going to
hell without God. The judgment
day will soon come and there
are so many that won't be read-
y to go. I am looking for Him
soon. Luke 12:40, "Be ye
therefore ready also: for the Son
of man cometh at an hour when
ye think not."

We have a good Sunday-
school and prayer meetings
here, and the Lord is working
wonderfully with the hearts
of the people. Several have been
saved, sanctified and filled with
the Holy Ghost in prayer meet-
ings and the organ has been
played under the power of God.
We have a good church near
here. There are about forty-
nine members in the Church of
God there. The Lord is bless-
ing the church wonderfully and
we should make this year the
best one of all.

The Lord is calling me to
preach His Gospel and I want
all the saints to pray for me
that I will stay humble at His
feet and do His blessed will. 1
Cor. 2:9, "But as it is written,
Eye hath not seen, nor ear
heard, neither have entered into
the heart of man, the things
which God hath prepared for
them that love him." So, dear
saints, let us pull on and make
heaven our home. Mark 13:13,
"And ye shall be hated of all
men for my name's sake: but
he that shall endure unto the
end the same shall be saved," as
in John 3:14, 15, "And as Moses
lifted up the serpent in the wil-
derness, even so must the Son
of Man be lifted up: That who-
soever believeth in him should
not perish but have eternal life."

Your brother in Christ,
Thomas Brown,
Dodd City, Texas.

Minister Preached the Bible As It Is

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and
Saints Scattered Abroad—
Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I want to sound a note of
praise to the Evangel family,
and tell how the Lord has so
wonderfully saved me. He keeps
me from sin each day, praise His
Holy name. It was only a few
months after I had been
converted in an Apostolic meet-
ing at Alba, Mo. I heard that
another meeting was being
conducted by a brother and
sister of the same faith, so I went
and received the light on sanc-
tification and, praise God, I went
to the altar and got sanctified.
It is wonderful what the Lord
will do for us if we only let Him
come into our heart. Before the
meeting closed I was baptized
with the Holy Ghost. Hallelujah
to Jesus.

These saints did not believe in
having any government in the
Church and denied the power of
God. But I just kept holding on
to God in prayer to lead me into
all truth and righteousness, and,
praise His name, He sent some
Church of God minister to our
community who preached the
Bible just as it is. It suited me
and now I am a member of the
dear Church of God, for I believe
it is the only one that is going to
stand the test. "Glory to God in
the highest, and on earth peace
good will toward men." Hallelujah!

I want every one who reads
this to earnestly pray for my un-
saved children, and that God
will get glory out of my life.

Your humble sister in Christ,
Nancy J. Core,
Alba, Mo.

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Fervent Prayer

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and
Saints and All Evangel Read-
ers—Greetings:

The effectual fervent prayer
of a righteous man availeth
much. It is God's will that the
prayers of His saints should be
one great and principal means
of carrying on the designs of
Christ's kingdom in this world.
When God has something very
great to accomplish for His
church, it is His will that there
should precede it the extraordi-
nary prayers of His people; as
is manifested by Eze. 36:37,
"Thus saith the Lord God; I will
yet for this be enquired of by
the house of Israel, to do it for
them; I will increase them with
men like a flock." And it is re-
vealed that when God is about
to accomplish great things for
His church, He will begin by re-
markably pouring out His spir-
it of grace and supplication.
Zech. 12:10. Before the first
great outpouring of the Spirit
of God on the Christian church,
which began at Jerusalem, the
Church of God gave themselves
to incessant prayer. Acts 1:13,
14. There is a time spoken of
when God will remarkably and
wonderfully appear for the de-
liverance of His church from
all her enemies, and when He
will avenge His own elect. Christ
reveals that this will be in an-
swer to their incessant prayers
or crying day and night. Luke
18:7, "In Israel the day of a-
tonement which was their great
day of fasting and prayer pre-
ceded and made way for the
glorious and joyful feast of tab-
ernacles." There is no way that
Christians, in a private capacity,
can do so much to promote the
Word of God and advance the
Kingdom of Christ as by prayer.
By this even women and chil-
dren and servants may have a
public influence. Let persons
be ever so weak and under ever
so poor advantages to do
much for Christ and the souls
of men otherwise, if they have
much of the spirit of grace and
supplication, in this way they
may have power with Him that
is infinite in power and has the
government of the whole world.

Hosanna to the King of light,
That clothed Himself in clay,
Entered the iron gate of death,
And tore their bars away.

Death is no more the King of dread,
Since Christ our Lord arose.
He took the tyrant's sting away,
And spoiled our hellish foes.

See how the Conqueror mounts aloft
And to His Father flies;
With scars of honor in His flesh,
And triumph in His eyes.

There our exalted Savior reigns
And scatters blessings down;
Our Jesus fills the right hand seat,
Of the Celestial Throne.

Thus was the great Redeem-
er of mankind triumphantly car-
ried into heaven, where He now
sitteth at the right hand of God
the Father, to whom be honor
and glory and power for ever
and ever. Amen.

Yours in Christ,
Richard O'neal.

REPORTS

We have just closed a twenty days meeting near Mayo, Fla. Seven were saved, six sanctified, three received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and others were at the altar. The whole community was stirred with holiness interest. Some of the best people are looking this way and many others impressed. Brother G. G. Hightower and Sisters J. B. Daniels and Kattie Hall assisted part of the time. Pray for us.

Your brother,
G. W. Peeples.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints of the Great Church of God: We praise God for full and free salvation, for the Holy Ghost sweetly abides with my wife and me.

We reached Miami, Fla. on March the first and found Miami improving greatly. Miami is on fire for God. Our pastor, Brother Richardson, is doing great work. On our return we found our home destroyed by fire, nothing saved except our trunks.

We spent three months in meetings around Sanford, and Orlando. The hearts of men are melting and falling into the great Church of God. We left Sanford with the saints on fire for Jesus. We also praise God for Brother Sapp and family who are real Church of God members.

Your brother in Christ,
A. R. Mitchell,
1913 N. West Court St.,
Miami, Fla.

I am sending report of our meeting at Pine City church with the Holiness Baptist people.

I set this church up as a Missionary Baptist church. Two years later it was turned out of the Missionary Baptist Association for heresy, with another church. One year later we set up the Holiness Baptist Association in Pine City. Four or five years later I went back to the Missionary Baptist church and four years ago I went into the Church of God.

Recently I was invited to host a meeting in this old church which I gladly did. I found a few who had the Holy Ghost. We had a two weeks meeting. Three were saved, ten sanctified and five received the Holy Ghost. Among the number was an old brother seventy-two years old who had been sanctified twenty-five years. We convinced him that all who received the Holy Ghost spoke in tongues so he became earnest and received the Holy Ghost. It was glorious to see him dance, shout and talk in tongues. Many were made stronger in the meeting. I certainly had a delightful time with those people.

May the Lord bless the Evangel family.

S. R. Mitchell.

Just closed a meeting five miles from New Port, Tenn. at Unity school house, the Lord blessed in giving out the Word. Two were saved, five sanctified and one received the Holy Ghost. The community was stirred for miles around. We are expecting to set a church in order soon. Some of the saints from Bybee rendered excellent service in the singing and altar service. Pray for the saints at Unity school house.

Your servant in battle for Jesus,
I. H. Brabson,
Jefferson City, Tenn.

Reports

I have just closed a meeting at Hellenwood, Tenn. The Lord did bless wonderfully. Brother E. J. Bochner was with me one day and night and Brother Slater Hickman was with me about a week, one saved, and one received the Holy Ghost, others seeking. This is a new field, pray much for this place.

J. H. McNew,
Catoosa, Tenn.

The Lord is wonderfully blessing in Columbus, Ga. There have been about two hundred and fifty souls saved since I came here last June. Thank God forever!

The Church of God has bought a church of her own, and we are expecting it to rise and shine. Praise His Holy name. Pray for us, we are expecting great things this summer.

Your humble brother,
W. L. Lunsford,
2969 1/2 Third Ave.,
Columbus, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints:

God has wonderfully blessed us in a meeting at Dunn, N. C. Last Sunday an old man, a sinner about seventy-one years of age, was converted and was awake in the spirit, he has been baptized in water and wants the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Pray that he will go through.

Yours in Jesus,
J. D. Shaw.

I feel like pressing on in the great battle for Jesus. We just closed a meeting at Kenton, Tenn., where God manifested His great power. The power fell and lamp globes were handled. There was dancing, shouting and talking in tongues under the power of God, messages were given out and interpreted.

The saints were edified and many others are looking this way. One sister had a vision on the great Church of God. She said the Lord showed her a great building and it was shining so bright that the people asked her what the bright light was, she told them it was the Church of God. Pray for us.

D. W. Dollahite, Kenton, Tenn.

NOTICES

I have a large 50 ft. tent for sale. It has not been in service long. Write for information.

J. W. Jackson, Rome, Ga.

A district convention will be held

for the Church of God at Hiwassee, Tenn., April 2, 3. All the Churches of the Copperhill district are requested to be represented at this meeting. Come expecting a good time.

M. W. Letsinger.

I would like to know the whereabouts of Sister Mattie Matlock at once as I am requested to report the spiritual condition of each member. The last heard of she was in Tyler, Texas.

A class leader,
G. F. Moore,
Crockett, Texas. R. 2. Box 47.

We want to adopt a girl between the age of nine and fifteen years. We have no children at all and we are getting old so if anyone knows of a girl we could get or middle-aged woman that wants a good home, please let us know at once. We are Church of God people.

G. A. Davenport,
R. 3. Box 153, Jellico, Tenn.

I am anxious to find a permanent position of some kind near a Church of God and among good earnest Christian people. I am out of permanent employment at present. I am experienced in the following work. General farming, traveling salesman, directing R. R. track labor, besides any kind of common labor from ditching to building. Please let me hear from you.

L. Talmage Bowen,
Reidsville, Ga.

WANTED—An elderly lady to assist wife in caring for the children (two little boys), also to do house work so wife may devote more time to gospel work. A good offer to the right person, one with salvation preferred. Write us at once.

Humbly,
Perry W. Haddock,
423 Cypress St.,
Tarpon Springs, Fla.

To all the Ministers of the Church of God in Tennessee, who haven't sufficient work to employ all your time, please write me at once that I may assign you a territory in which to evangelize. We are anxious to establish churches in new territory and by this method we hope to reach many people this year. I will expect to hear from all of you at once, so please don't neglect this as I am now making up the list.

M. W. Letsinger, Overseer of Tennessee.

Several have enquired about the Wimauma, Fla. camp meeting. I think it will start the last Thursday in May which is the 26th and run until June the 5th. This, however, will not be moonlight nights, but we expect to have the place well lighted mechanically. We have placed an order for an up to date carbide lighting system. The company said they would have it ready by that time. But they won't give it to us, so I am sure you are willing to help out on this, because I know you want good lights and not bad ones. How much nicer to have the ground all lighted up. The plant will pull fifty lights. Some perhaps will want to use them in their cottages.

As our home preachers and visiting preachers will do the preaching, you will not have to pay the preachers as at the fall camp meeting. Let me ask that you lay aside an offering for this and try to see if we can't get it paid off by the first of the meeting. I am writing this statement early so you will have plenty of time to save up an offering. The lighting system will cost us over \$300.00. Many of the brethren thought it good to do this so I feel confident that the churches of Florida will really do this.

F. J. Lee.

OBITUARIES

Morrisett

The death angel visited our home at Jefferson City, Tenn., on Feb. 25, 1921, and claimed our little daughter, Beatrice, age 2 years, 6 months and 23 days.

Little Beatrice trusted the Lord for her body, she called for prayers as long as she could talk. Oh! how we miss her, but we know if we stay humble and true we will meet her again some sweet day, where parting comes no more. She lived thirty-five days after she was scalded.

The funeral service was conducted by our state overseer, Brother M. W. Letsinger, and the little body was laid to rest in the Lebanon cemetery to await the resurrection morn.

Her mother,
Mrs. Cora Morrisett.

Lovell

The death angel visited the home of Brother Robert Lovell on Feb. 16, and claimed his loving wife Elmira Lovell. She was born Sept. 14, 1864, age 56 years, 5 months and 5 days.

She had been a sufferer for years but was sick only five days before she died. She was a loving wife and devoted mother and Christian. She was converted in June, 1887 and joined the Christian Church where she lived a pure Christian life, but in March 1920 she joined the Church of God of which she was a loyal member until death.

She leaves a husband, nine children, fourteen grand children and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her death.

Just before she passed away she said she was going home. She will be greatly missed in the home, church and neighborhood. All who knew her loved her.

Her body was laid to rest in the

Pocahontas cemetery to await the resurrection morn.

A precious one from us is gone,
Her voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.

Her pastor,
O. W. Thomas.

Leckie, W. Va.

Maddox

Margaret M. Maddox born Feb. 26, 1847, deceased March 15, 1921, aged 74 years, and 19 days. Her maiden name was Gay. She was married to Drury H. Shearer Sept. 13, 1866. To this union were born six daughters, Mrs. Laura Hickey of Chattanooga, Tenn., Mrs. Zilpha Hamby of Hiwassee, N. C., Mrs. Florence M. Tilson of Adamsville, Ala., Mrs. Celia A. Dickey deceased, Mrs. Norma Miller of Zion City, Ill., and Mrs. Lydia Hamby of Cal.

The family lived for a number of years on the waters of Camp Creek, Cherokee Co., N. C., but finally Mr. Shearer died and the wife and mother was left a widow. But she loved her home and managed to make it as pleasant as possible for her children and grand-children while they were with her.

It was December 3, 1903 that our subject was married to James C. Murphy who then resided near Charleston, Tenn. Soon after their marriage the couple moved back to her home in N. C. It was while living there that the First Assembly of the Church of God was held, and Sister Maddox, with her husband, James C. Murphy, had the honor of providing the entertainment for this first Assembly.

A while after this time Brother Murphy and his wife moved to Cleveland where he died in the year 1907. This left our sister a widow again. But after living the lonely life of a widow again for quite a while she was married to James Tilly with whom she lived at his home in Folk Co., Tenn. until his death probably in the year 1919.

It was Nov. 14, of last year that she was married to Caswell Maddox and they lived happily together until the day of her departure. In making mention of the religion of Sister Maddox it is a pleasure to know that she made peace with God in early life and was a member of the Baptist church for a number of years. It was May 15, 1902 that she joined the church that afterwards became known as the Church of God, and she has ever been a faithful member, having enjoyed the pleasure of a sanctified life filled with the Holy Ghost. And, she and Brother Maddox have been faithful in their attendance of both Sunday School and preaching service ever since their marriage when they were able to go, until her last illness. In the services she was always glad to give her testimony for the Lord to show which side she was on. Her conversation and general life were a blessing to those with whom she mingled.

Sister Maddox has been a light in many homes—always willing to make any sacrifices to wait on the sick, or help her friends and neighbors, in times of need. No night was too dark, no wind was too cold, to keep her from going when duty demanded it. She literally wore herself out in services for others. Scarcely a text in the Bible could be more appropriate here than this one, "This woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did."

In the death of our sister and mother the daughters have lost a faithful and loving mother, the church has lost a loving member, and she will be greatly missed by those who have loved her as a mother for years. But, although she is gone, and many of us will miss her much, yet we have no doubt about her present and future abode. Truly she died as she lived—a Bible saint.

During her last illness she was patient and gentle and endured her suffering without murmuring. She seemed to know that this was to be her last illness, but she was ready to go. As she breathed her last it seemed more like she was only resting in a sweet quiet sleep. Not a struggle, not a frown was seen on her face. But a heavenly halo seemed to settle down upon her as we watched her to the last.

Mother dear, thou art gone, but we expect to meet again on that glorious resurrection morn, when Jesus calls for the saints to come forth from their graves and live again. Nay, we sorrow not as those that have no hope. Yes, we shall meet again!

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Copy of Letters—Interpretation
West Palm Beach, Fla.
Feb. 14, 1921.

Mrs. Ida McCoy,

Arley, Ala., R. 1.

My dear Sister in Christ: I am here at the inlet six miles north of West Palm Beach, running a meeting. The meeting started Jan. 30th, and on the night of the 31st I was under a tremendous power of the Lord. I was so burdened for the church here and began to weep and groan in the Spirit. After crying I continued the service. After service the next night I went to my room and after praying by my bedside I closed my eyes for sleep and had a dream which is as follows:

I was walking in a little pathway near the church. In this path I came right up to a large hog lying in the path with his head toward me, looking right into my face. I stepped up in about six feet of the hog and he raised up on his front legs. I lifted up my foot and held it toward the hog. The hog said, "Boof! Boof!" He got up, turned and walked away. As he went away I noticed that all the back part of this hog looked like he had been scalded and nearly all the

hair was off from just behind his shoulders backward. The shoulders and head was not scalded. He was a rough, ugly looking hog. As I started away I looked in another direction and there was a large number of hogs of both kinds, some scalded and partially clean. The ones that were not scalded were dark ugly looking hogs, both male and female—all sizes.

If there is anything to this dream I pray that God will reveal it to you! I herewith enclose postage for reply. God bless you.

Your brother in Christ
W. A. Baxley,
Arley, Ala. R. 1.

Feb. 19, 1921.

Dear Brother in Christ: Your letter with dream received and God shows me the following meaning.

As you go up the path of duty, that is, out in your work, you meet up with a person that seems to be leader. He is partially clean on the outside yet he is an apostate, has fallen away from the truth. He is unclean in his habits or teaching. You disturb him, of course, and he will let you know it, too. Then you look about you and see the falling away of his people, even the largest ones or leaders sometimes fall.

O, how my heart aches as I remember some precious ones who are in this condition today who used to be bright lights for Jesus. It is no wonder that you felt burdened and wept and cried.

Your sister in Christ,
Ida McCoy.

The Lord is With Us in Trials

To All the Dear Saints:

I am praising the Lord for this wonderful salvation that keeps from sin every day. Though the devil may hurl his fiery darts at us he cannot overcome if we keep our eyes on Jesus. "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that you are able; but with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." 1 Cor. 10: 13.

Peter said, "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy." 1 Pet. 4: 12, 13.

I am praising the Lord for the meeting held at this place. Brother W. S. Wilmon did the preaching. He surely did deliver the Word in its fullness. The power fell and the saints would shout, dance and leap for joy. One was reclaimed and one saved and the saints are greatly encouraged.

Brother R. S. Robinson was with us the last night of the meeting. He sure preached a wonderful sermon. Brother E. M. Ellis helped in prayer and testimony service.

The people seemed to be interested. I believe there is a great work to be done here.

Your brother in Christ,
Ed Williamson, clerk.

HOME MISSION RECEIPTS

Church, Sobel, Tenn.	\$ 81
" Columbus, Ohio,	1 76
" Lawler, Ill.,	60
" Sale Creek, Tenn.,	1 00
" E. Chattanooga, Tenn.,	1 16
" Lenoir City, Tenn.,	2 11
" Dayton, Tenn.,	85
" Spring Place, Ga.,	1 04
" Berryton, Ga.,	26
" Nashville, Tenn.,	4 00
Foster Hays, Warrior, Ala.,	22
Church, Augusta, Ga.,	2 40
" Somerset, Ky.,	1 26
" Lagrange, Ga.,	25
" Gastonia, N. C.,	3 13
" Danville, Va.,	6 62
" Wimauma, Fla.,	1 25
" Bonne Terre, Mo.,	2 25
Church, Union Grove, Miss.,	50
" Providence, Tenn.,	1 20
" Crown Hill, W. Va.,	1 70
C. C. McGowan, Southside, Tenn.,	95
Church, Sherwin, Kan.,	1 00
" Bellevue, Tenn.,	33
" Lantana, Texas,	2 86
" Carson Springs, Tenn.,	25
Churches, Copperhill & Belltown, Tenn.,	1 80
Church, Rock Hill, S. C.,	6 50
" Marcoe, Ill.,	1 75
" Pulaski, Va.,	2 15
" New Bethel, Tenn.,	72
" Altavista, Va.,	5 00
" Morgan City, La.,	1 83
" Kentwood, La.,	2 65
" Offerman, Ga.,	70
" Jessup, Ga.,	25
" Wallhalla, S. C.,	1 42
Church, Fitzgerald, Ga.,	2 24
A friend, Roseboro, N. C.,	1 00
Church, Canton, N. C.,	1 11
J. M. Tate, Jacksonville, Ala.,	1 00
Church, Winchester, Ky.,	4 96
" Hazlehurst, Ga.,	88
" Fork, S. C.,	74
" Logan, Ill.,	1 87
A. Hargrove, Nat'l. Farm School, Pa.,	50
Church, Miami, Fla.,	1 00
" Honey Comb, Ill.,	1 75
" Matthews, Ga.,	58
" Poplar Grove, Ark.,	80
" Tampa, Fla.,	8 44
" Lamar, Mo.,	1 00
" Spring Hope, N. C.,	1 17
W. B. Davis, Pulaski, Va.,	2 00
Church, Arcadia, Fla.,	2 46
" Valdosta, Ga.,	1 50
Church, Graysville, Tenn.,	1 87
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" Tenn.,	2 00
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Church, Largo, Fla.,	6 66
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The Easter Bible Class

Why delay any longer? Surely you fully expect to make a closer study of your Bible some day, Why not begin now?

The Bible Training School has a special Easter Class, which will begin work on Monday after Easter Sunday—March 28th.

Can't you begin with them? Certainly there are hindrances. The enemy always says there are. But when is a better time than now!

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Battlefield
We are glad to report that the Lord is sure blessing in south Georgia and north Florida. We received four into the church and baptized two in water at Perry, Fla. We find many others interested.

E. B. Culpepper.

Safely Housed in Church of God.
Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:
I am glad that I can report victory in my soul now. I am glad that I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and safely housed within the grand old Church of God, with head quarters at Cleveland, Tenn. I am perfectly satisfied there till Jesus calls me away.

I am in the Church of God because it is my choice. I am trying to obey those who have the rule over me for it is right. We are walking hand in hand expecting great things from the Lord. My membership is at Dividing Ridge. Your brother in Christ,
J. W. Nelson,
Soddy, Tenn.

REQUESTS
M. L. Moates, Prattville, Ala., requests prayer for the Holy Ghost.

Stanley Miller, Lowell, N. C., requests prayer for the Holy Ghost.

Annie Tracy requests prayer for her and her daughter to be healed.

W. F. Lunsford, Norton, Va., requests prayer for the healing of his wife.

Mrs. H. T. Lucas, Bedford, Va., requests prayer for Sister Fulton to be healed.

Fannie Duncan, Higden, Ark., requests special prayer for the healing of her body.

Mary Hicks of Canton, N. C. requests prayer for her afflicted body.

Willie Roscoe, Cheraw, S. C. desires the saints to pray that his family will be saved and walk in the light.

H. P. D. of Jacksonville, Fla. requests prayer that he will be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Ida May Payne, Crescent, Okla., requests prayer to be saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost.

M. M. Campbell of Hyatt, Tenn., requests prayer for the healing of his side. Pray for his companion and children.

Mrs. Myrtle Beach of Dalton, Ga. requests prayer that she will be healed and for her unsaved husband and children.

Carrie Whittington, Barto, Miss., requests prayer that her hand may be healed and that God will send a preacher there.

Flora Nelson, Berryton, Ga., requests prayer for her grandmother to be healed, for her school mates to be saved and for the church at Berryton.

Mrs. J. R. Hyatt, Culberson, N. C., requests prayer that she will be healed of rheumatism, catarrh of the head and other diseases.

Angeline Fannin, Naugatuck, W. Va., requests prayer for her companion to receive the Holy Ghost. Also pray for the Sunday school at Naugatuck.

Mrs. Docia Jones, Sulphur Springs, Texas, requests prayer that her

Special Request

Greetings to All the Churches of God: I have a young friend who is very dear to me, she is not a Christian. Her life has been saddened by mis-mated love, she needs the comfort of a dear Savior's love.

Would like for some of the young people of the Church of God to write to her, also pray for her as she is hopeless and her life is so sad, that she will look to Jesus for comfort and love, and be saved. Her address is Miss Lessie McKenzie, Lake Wales, Florida.

A sister,
Mrs. J. R. King,
Lake Wales, Fla.

A Desire of My Heart.

O were I of chalk or crayon,
From earth unto the sky;
I'd write God's name from Maine
To Mexico, on every railroad tie.

I'd write it on the engine cab,
On coal cars and cabooses,
On all yard office doors and then
The devil could see where he loses.

On whistle posts and water tanks,
I'd write the plan of salvation,
To save from hell the souls of men,
And the healing of our nation.

So bless the Lord who brought me here,
And saves to the uttermost;
That I'm holy sanctified
And filled with the Holy Ghost.

By H. T. Peck,
Peach Creek, W. Va.

CHRISTIAN HEROES AND MARTYRS OF THE WORLD

A history of the progress of Christianity from Bible times to latest period of persecution. Lives of the apostles, martyrs

POWER FROM HEAVEN

C. M. Padgett

In these days much is said on how to spread the gospel. Some resort to one plan, some to another and truly there are many ways and means that are helpful. There are also many things that are hurtful. However, God's people usually know what methods are best to follow.

Trains, automobiles and the modern printing press are used to great advantage but ice cream suppers, worldly entertainments, moving picture shows and Sunday excursions to base ball games bring no one to God. The prime method that has been used for the last two thousand years—prayer and preaching, accompanied by holy living, is the method for these days also. As long as the early church lived in simplicity and "When God saw it necessary and the church fasted and prayed much they did miraculous things, even bringing back the spirit to a dead man."—Irenaeus. About 150 A. D. And bore witness to the one true God and His Son Jesus Christ, condemning the pagan world for their immorality, loose living, vain show and idolatry; signs followed and their converts numbered by hundreds of thousands.

The all important means resorted to by the Church of God from the beginning was, "Prayer without ceasing." In Finney's great revival the means used were simply preaching the gospel and abundant prayer. Privately, in social circles and in public prayer meetings much stress was laid upon prayer as an essential means of promoting the revival. Memoirs of Finneys, page 363.

I know our people are a praying people but am sure there is room for improvement along this line. Popular Christianity depends upon an educated ministry for power but the Church of God depends upon the power of prayer. There is also a certain amount of knowledge we must have to be able to expound. There is also a certain kind of knowledge as the apostle Paul says, "puffeth up." I ride is what the preacher says and he knows as he delivers the message, that it is a sign of the weakness of the flesh. And God says, "My glory will I not give to another." Oh! lean not to thine own understanding, but lean hard on the arms of God. It is the Spirit that quickeneth for it is "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Zech. 4:6.

While Paul's knowledge which he received at the feet of Gamaliel was a help to him, yet he had to die out to what Paul knew before the Lord could use him. "But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ." Gal. 1:11, 12. We do not mean by this that we are not to go to school and learn what we can, that which is best that we may be our best for God. There is now much mental indolence in our ministry for the good of the cause of Christ, but our thought is to be thoroughly educated in the school of prayer as all the knowledge in the world without prayer will not save souls. Let us study to show ourselves approved; let us read books that will enlarge our vision and expand our world of usefulness; let us sit at the feet of men and God and partake of the fruit of their labors until our souls are on fire to go and carry this gospel to others, but, above all this, "Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things." Gal. 6:6.

God has permitted us to live to see the day in the which we might be in the grandest organization this side of heaven—The CHURCH OF GOD. But organization alone does not save men from sin. It is a fold for those who are already saved. It is the fortress from which the power of the gospel shoots forth to a lost world. It is from this place of safety that we go forth and conquer the world for Christ. But organization without prayer is like an engine without fire and steam; a house

without an occupant; a carcass without life—cold, stiff and soon to decay. "Three things make a divine—prayer, temptation and meditation."—Luther.

If you do not pray God will probably lay you aside from your ministry to teach you to pray. Remember Luther's maxim, "To have prayed well is to have studied well." "Get your texts from God, your thoughts, your words."—McCheyne. Study universal holiness of life. Your usefulness depends on this for your sermon lasts only an hour or two. Your life preaches all the week. If Satan can only make a covetous minister a lover of praise, of pleasure, of good eating, he has ruined your ministry. Give yourself to prayer and get your texts, your thoughts and your words from God. "Luther spent his best three hours in prayer."—Robert Murray McCheyne.

We have seen ministers go to meeting and, perhaps, preach at night but lie around and do nothing during the day but eat and sleep, perhaps a very short time spent in prayer and study. During revival meetings we have also known ministers to get interested in fishing and hunting. How can the man of God who is trying to keep souls from hell, turn his mind aside at this critical time and get wrapped up in these things? It is as much a duty for the minister to pray and study as it is for the farmer to plow, the machinist to swing the hammer and the merchant to wrap goods.

Recreation for the minister must be as whetting for the mow—to be used only when it is necessary for his work. May a physician during a plague take any more relaxation or recreation than is necessary for his life when so many are expecting his help in a case of life or death? Will you stand by and see sinners gasping under the pangs of death and say, God doth not require me to make a drudge of myself to save them? "Is this the voice of Christian compassion or sensual laziness and diabolical Cruelty?"—Richard Baxter.

William Penn says of George Fox, "But above all he excelled in prayer, the inwardness and weight of his spirit, the reverence and solemnity of his address and behavior and the fewness and fullness of his words have often struck even stronger with admiration as they used to reach others with consolation. The most awful, loving, reverential frame I ever felt or beheld was his prayer."

Oh, Church of God, bestir yourselves to prayer. Jesus says, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of communion with God. He gives you power to prevail and you can only continue to have power as you continue to pray. After they received the Holy Ghost, the disciples prayed as they never had prayed before. The Holy Ghost is the connecting line between you and God, the charged wire between your soul and heaven, that which carries your prayer to God. The electrical fire of the Holy Ghost, to be kept alive in you, must be fed. And the only way that you can efficiently feed that fire is by prayer.

"The value of prayer is precious, beyond all price. Never, never neglect it."—Sir Thomas Buxton.

"Prayer is the first thing, the second thing, the third thing necessary to a minister. Pray then, my dear brother, pray pray, pray."—Edward Payson.

Prayer, in the preacher's life, in the preacher's study, in the preacher's pulpit, must be a conspicuous and an all impregnating force and an all coloring ingredient. It must play no secondary part, be no mere coating. To him it is given to be with his Lord. "All night in prayer." The preacher, to train himself in self-denying prayer is charged to look to his Master when "rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed."

"The preacher's study ought to be a closet, a be'el, an altar, a vision, and a ladder, that every thought might ascend heavenward, ere it went manward, that every part of the sermon might

be scented by the air of heaven and made serious because God was in the study—"It is needless to iterate, and reiterate that prayer as a mere habit, as a performance gone through by routine or in a professional way" is a dead and a rotten thing. We are stressing true prayer which engages and sets on fire every high element of the preacher's being. The preachers who gain mighty results for God are the men who have prevailed in their pleadings with God before venturing to plead with men. The preachers who are mightiest in their closets are mightiest in their pulpits with men.

"Little praying is a kind of make believe, a salve for the conscience, not, infrequently the preacher's only praying is by his bedside in his night dress ready for bed, and soon in it, with perchance, the addition of a few hasty snatches of prayer before he is dressed in the morning. How feeble, vain and little is such praying compared with the time and energy devoted to praying by holy men in and out of the Bible."—Bounds.

"It is recorded of Bishop Andrews that he spent five hours daily on his knees. While many prayers in the natural of things must be short and while public prayers, as a rule, ought to be short and condensed; while there is ample room for the value on ejaculatory prayer—yet in our private communion with God, time is a feature essential to its value. Much time spent with God is the secret of all successful prayer. Our short prayers owe their point and efficiency to the long ones that have preceded them. We would not have any to think that the value of their prayers is to be measured by the clock, but our purpose is to impress on our minds the necessity of being much alone with God."—Bounds.

Mr. Wesley spent two hours daily in prayer. He began at four o'clock in the morning. John Fletcher stained the walls of his room by the breath of his prayers. Sometimes he would pray all night.

Luther said, "If I fail to spend two hours in prayer each morning the devil gets the victory through the day. I have so much business I can not get on without spending three hours daily in prayer."

Archbishop Leighton was so much alone with God that he seemed to be in a perpetual meditation.

Bishop Ken was so much with God that his soul was said to be God enamored. He was with God before the clock struck three every morning.

Bishop Asbury said, "I propose to rise at four o'clock as often as I can and spend three hours in prayer and meditation."

Samuel Rutherford rose at three in the morning to meet God in prayer.

Joseph Allenie arose at four o'clock for his business of praying till eight.

The memorable Methodist Band's rule, From four to five in the morning, private prayer; from five to six in the evening, private prayer.

I want to mention one more thing about prayer—soul travail. Paul knew something about it when he said, "The Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." Rom. 8:26. "For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children." Isa. 66:8. Finney says at one time, "I could only groan with groanings loud and deep—I could only groan and weep without being able to express what I wanted in words."—Memoirs of Finney, pages 26, 37. And the Lord wondered that there was no intercessor.

What more need we say? Time and space would fail us to tell of Moses, of David, of Daniel, of James and the early church, Brainerd and a host of others. It is prayer that moves the arm that moves the world.

How did the early church get the gospel to the masses? They didn't have even the conveniences for this purpose that we have today and yet in a short while it is said that the whole world had heard the story of the cross. How did the Wesleys convert their thousands? How was it that sinners quaked un-

der the mighty preaching of Fox? How was it that hundreds of thousands turned to God under the preaching of Moody, Finney and Cartright? It was by prevailing prayer and fearlessly preaching the pure gospel of Christ. O! Let us pray till heaven and earth meet, till the heavens bow. There is victory only in prayer. Other things are vain hollow sounds without the mighty force of prayer. Some one said, The devil trembles when the weakest saint is on his knees. What must it be when the whole Church of God prevails at the throne of grace. Let us pray.

BUILDING ON THE ROCK

W. L. Buckels

I am satisfied that I am building on the rock tonight and I am really glad in my soul for this hope and consolation. I know my Redeemer liveth and is my personal Savior. Bless His dear name! I can speak for myself only, I will relate a portion of my experience from childhood.

I have been religiously inclined from a child. I loved the Bible, its pages were very sacred to me. I would often weep when I heard a good sermon or good songs when I was just a little boy. I wanted to be a Christian and sought the Lord all along for about seven years. During that seven years I had a number of dreams about the judgment and hell.

Among the first I dreamed that the devil caught me and bound me with a very light chain. He put it all about my body and arms and then led me off, it appeared to be the edge of the earth, down a path that seemed to be traveled continually as it was smooth and fresh. He took me down and down this lonesome road which grew darker and darker till we came to a large iron gate that appeared to let us through a mountain. I heard the gate latch behind me. I was turned loose on a small place where the devil stayed. Everything was black and smoked, cinders and coal lay all about. All around the place going from the gate was hell. I saw the place where the devil stayed, and folks in torment. Something that appeared to be melting hot would boil up over the top and then go down out of sight again. While looking at this I became excited, started for the gate and awoke.

As I grew older I had other dreams of warning. Finally I dreamed that the end of time had come and the earth was divided east and west, which left a great opening in the earth which all had to cross. The Lord was on the north side of the ditch and every one that could jump across was saved and those who failed were lost. It appeared that they fell into fire. All had to try. I came near and saw the Lord on the other side, then I hurried and jumped and found myself hardly on the good side. I could hardly stay at all. I was about to roll off when I awoke.

The first thing that came to my mind when I thought of my dream was, "My Spirit shall not always strive with man." I began to think more seriously about my soul and eternity so it was not very long till I was converted and joined the missionary Baptist church, was baptized in water and lived there till the church disbanded. I got my letter and have it yet. I finally joined the M. E. church, south, but was not satisfied. I left the M. E. Church and united with the Christian church (so called). I lived there fifteen years and contended earnestly for that doctrine, yet I had a great longing in my heart for something greater, a higher spiritual life than I had yet attained. I was praying to the Lord for help that I might know the will of the Lord. I studied many books looking for something greater. I studied magnetic healing and hypnotism and became proficient in the work and received my diplomas. By putting my hands on people and saying certain words they were healed so they could say they were positively well and would continue so.

I was getting along so well I decided I would take it to the Lord in prayer and get Him to help me so I could do wonders. Just as soon as I approached Him on this subject a large

black curtain was let down on my right side, which cut off the light so I could not see. It was dark as midnight. I immediately saw that God was not pleased and would not help me so I left this all off. Praise the Lord.

I continued to search for something greater so I decided to try the secret orders. I learned of one that I could join by paying ten dollars and dues every year. On taking me in, as I entered the ante-room a long rusty chain was thrown at my feet. Men took hold of me and bound me with that chain just as near like Satan did that night in my dream, as it could be done. Yet I did not notice it at the time, I continued to look for that something in my life. In about three years I was placed on a committee which the order deemed an important matter, in a way it was. To make the best of it I took this to the Lord in prayer and that same black curtain was let down just like it was before, so in a very short time I gave the order a notice that I wanted to be dismissed which surprised them very much. The notice I gave was made so I could not join any more if I desired to do so, I came out from among them.

I had not yet found the thing I was looking for. I was continually searching and praying for a greater something in my life. I had the very Book in my possession, that gave full instruction to get what the Lord wanted me to have. Praise His name. I had read the instructions over and over but I read with my denominational or sectarian spectacles and could not see them.

In a short time I heard of a man who was preaching holiness and a life above sin. I said I was afraid of a man that would teach that, that something was wrong with him, but before long I went to hear him preach. He preached sanctification as a second definite work of grace. I listened very attentively to catch every flaw or fault I could. I searched the Scriptures to try to condemn this doctrine, but by this and being honest with myself and God, I was thoroughly convinced that it was the Bible way and the very thing I had been looking for so long. I had failed to see it because of my colored glasses I had been reading through.

I began to seek the blessing at once, finally went down before the Lord, made my consecration and God cleansed me, soul and body. Praise His name! I felt so wonderfully light and free. All the hateful things in my life were gone, everything was calm and sweet. Oh, glory, praise the Lord. This was at the night service, Aug. 22, 1912, on Thursday. On Saturday and Sunday Brother J. W. Buckalew and wife preached the gospel more fully than I had ever heard it. It was the first time I ever heard any one speak in tongues. I went off to myself to pray. I said, "Lord, I don't know all you have for me yet but I am pliable in your hands to be used just as you see fit, that thou mayest get the most glory out of my life."

I waited before the Lord and did not go to the altar. Others went and two received the baptism with the Holy Ghost. It was wonderful to hear them speak, shout, sing and pray in tongues, under the power. I turned to ask a friend what he thought of that and the power fell on me and took possession of me. I was sitting there with my feet going under the power when Sister Buckalew came to me and told me how to do. I threw my hands up before the Lord and began to praise Him. He took hold of my vocal organs and no tongue can tell how happy I was. Glory to God. The Lord did not stop with one blessing. My eyes were failing me and they were made strong so I did not have to use glasses and I am not using them now. This was on the evening of Aug. 25, 1912.

I was given understanding of songs or music so I can sing anything the Lord is pleased with, which is a most wonderful blessing to me. There is a hundred or more homes that can hear me sing from my home. I preach the gospel in song. I sing soul-stirring songs and songs of warning to sinners. I am so glad of all these blessings and that I found this beautiful way—built on the rock. Praise the Lord. Amen.

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